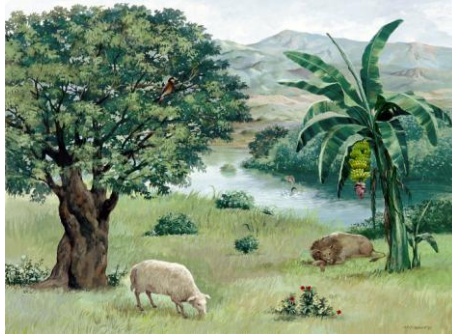


Creation to Christ Bible Study



Dear Friend,

The Bible is God's recorded message to the peoples of the world. To most people the Bible is like a big jigsaw puzzle. Have you ever put a jigsaw puzzle together? First, most people find the four corner pieces of puzzle. Then they find the edge pieces and put together the frame. Then they go to work to fill in the middle and a picture begins to develop. Not until you have placed the last piece in the puzzle do you get to see the whole picture.

The Creation to Christ Bible study is a series of 4 books. Book number 1 lays out the four corner pieces to our Bible puzzle. Book number 2 builds the outer frame. Books 3 and 4 fill in the middle to reveal a beautiful picture of God's grace and mercy.

At the end of the booklet is a short series of questions from each lesson to help you better understand what you just read. I suggest looking at the questions at the end before you read. Then after reading the lesson, go back and try to answer the questions.

As you complete each lesson and answer the questions on the following pages, please mail the sheets with the answered questions to the address below. **Please keep this book number 1 as our gift to you.** Include your return address - you will receive book number 2 within a couple of weeks after completing book number 1. If you have any spiritual questions or would like further help, please write to us – we would like to help:

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Lesson 1: "The Beginning"

Pretend you came over to my home and noticed on my table a fresh-baked loaf of bread, a warm pie and a new cake. The house smells wonderful! Then you see my wife in the kitchen pulling out a tray of cookies from the oven. On the counter behind her you see messy mixing bowls, bags of flour, some sugar, egg shells and wooden spoons. Taped to the cabinets above the counter you see recipe cards. .

What does it look like she has been doing? The answer is baking. Did you actually see her baking? No, but the evidence is all around isn't it? If your conclusion that she had been baking is correct, what things would have to be true about her, even though you did not actually see her bake anything?

- She knows how to bake.
- She can read instructions on the recipe cards.
- She can do things in order.
- She is creative (able to take flour, sugar, oil, eggs, and make something out of them).
- She can be careful (she did not burn herself or the kitchen while she was baking).

This is how we want to think when we read the first verse of the Bible.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.



Did we see God make the heavens and the earth? No, we just "walked" into this book like you walked into my kitchen and saw all the things on my table. We can see objects in the heavens like stars and planets. Likewise, we can see things in the earth like mountains, oceans, plants, animals, and human beings. Since God created all these things, what must be true about who He is?

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- God possesses all-knowledge (Omniscience)
- God possesses all-power (Omnipotence)
- God is eternal. He existed before creation and has no beginning. Since God was the only one to exist in the beginning, only He can reveal to us the truth about what happened in the beginning.
- God is independent of everything and everyone. He did not make himself. We need air, food, and water, to live, but God does not. He doesn't need the earth, sun, air, food, or water, because He existed before all things.
- God is supreme. He owns everything he creates.
- God has personality. If you saw a painting and wanted to know its origin, you would ask, "Who painted this?" not "What painted this?" Creativity requires personality.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

This verse tells us that God is a Spirit, which means He is invisible. God does not have flesh and

bone like humans and animals do. He does not have a material body and therefore he has no bodily needs. Man is limited in understanding and has bodily needs, but God has none of these limitations. God's presence is everywhere at the same time.

Genesis chapter 1 describes how God made everything in the universe and on the earth in six days. He created light on the first day.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

God created light by simply speaking. Creation began by the power of His word. Therefore, the most powerful thing in the universe is God's word. Scientists today still can't figure out exactly what light is, let alone make it out of nothing!

Genesis 1:4-5 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

This verse says that God made the light good. This implies that God Himself is also good.

God created the air and the sky on the second day (verses 6-8). This is the place where the birds fly. He created the dry land, the oceans, and all kinds of plant life upon the earth on the third day (verses 9-13). God was preparing the earth to be inhabited by man. Man would need oxygen to breathe so he created plant life to give off oxygen.

Genesis 1:11-12 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Three times in these verses we are told "after his kind". The message here is unmistakable. Oranges have orange seeds in them. Grapes have grape seeds in them. In other words, God designed order, structure, and purpose in the world. You don't find watermelon seeds in oranges. In verses 20-25, you find the same thing about birds, sea creatures and land animals. Eagles lay eggs that hatch baby eagles, not bluebirds. Cows don't give birth to baby pigs. All things reproduce "after their kind".

God made the sun, moon and all the stars on day four (verses 14-19). Have you ever looked up into the night sky and seen hundreds of twinkling stars? God simply spoke all those stars into existence. He created all the marine life and birds on day five (verses 20-23). Only God is all-powerful and all-knowing to speak all these living creatures into existence.

God made the animal world on day six (verses 24-25). God created a large number and variety of animals. Only God had the power and knowledge to create them. He spent the last six days preparing the earth for man. God created light so man could see. God created dry land so man could live on it. God created trees so man could make things out of wood and eat the fruit on them. God created oxygen so man could breathe.

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have

dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Man was created in God's image. This does not mean that man physically looks like God. After all, we are all of different height, weight, and skin color. Image means that we were created to have a mind, emotions, and a will, like God.

God wanted man to have a mind so he would have the ability to know God. Since He wanted to communicate with man, He made man capable of communication. God also made man with emotions. Man can love, feel sad, and experience happiness, because God has those emotions.

God made man with a will. He wanted man to be able to make decisions. Man makes many decisions throughout the day like, when to get up, what to wear, what to eat, what to say, what to see, what to hear, and where to go. God made the sun, moon and stars to do the same thing every day, every month, and every year, but not so with man. God made man with a will so he would make choices just like God makes choices. He wanted to make man so he would choose to love and obey God.

In conclusion, God created man with a mind so he could hear and understand God's communication. God created man with emotions so he could respond to God with love and devotion. God created man with a will so man could choose to follow God. Man is like no other creation of God. God designed it so He can have a special relationship with man. He wants man to rule over his creation. God is the ultimate authority, but he wants man to be the managers of his creation.

* Please answer Lesson 1 questions on page 22 *

Lesson 2: "The First Man"

Genesis Chapter 1 declares that God made man, but chapter 2 describes how God made man. In chapter 2, verses 4-6 review the events that happened on day 6 before God made man. We are told again how God prepared a perfect world for his greatest creation.

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

First, God made man's body from the dust of the ground. Science has proved this statement to be correct. The elements that our bodies are made of are found in the soil. Second, He breathed into this body, and man became a living "soul". First man had a body, then God made the body alive. We will soon learn that the first man's name was Adam.

We already learned that God is a Spirit and that man was created in God's image. Therefore, man became a spiritual being in a physical body. The soul is man's personality, which includes his mind, emotions, and will. The soul makes contact with the physical world through the body. If you were to put your hand on a hot stove you would immediately jerk your hand back as a reaction to feeling the hot stove. What happened was your soul made contact with the physical world through your body. Likewise, our soul also makes contact with God through the spirit of man. God is a spirit, and therefore those who wish to have fellowship with God must do it through the spirit.

The sun, stars, wind, and water could not bring man to life. Only God was able to bring life to

man. Every human being can trace his lineage back to the first man who received his life from God; therefore, we all get our life from God.



Genesis 2:15-17 And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

First, we learn that God communicates with man. God gave Adam a command demonstrating that he is in charge. Second, because God is the owner, He has the authority to set limits over His creation. How many trees were still available to Adam for food? Every tree,

but one, including the tree of life. This is not unfair or difficult. God insisted that he demonstrate his obedience by not eating the fruit from only one tree.

God said that the punishment for disobedience is death. He told Adam if he ate of that tree he would surely die. Death means separation. First, he would be separated in his relationship with God. Second, eventually he would physically die. For example, imagine a branch broken off from a tree. Does the branch immediately wither, dry up and die? No the leaves are still green for a few days. The branch however, is dead. It cannot receive what it needs to keep alive because it had been separated from the tree. If Adam ate the fruit, he would immediately be cut off from God, the source, giver, and sustainer of his life. The result would be that he would one day die physically just like one day that tree branch will be dried up.

Third, this death meant an eternal separation from God. When the body stops living, the spiritual part of man leaves the body and goes to a terrible place called "The Lake of Fire". This is called a spiritual death.

What did God mean by this death? He meant Adam would be separated in his relationship with God, as a result, his body would eventually die and his soul would be separated from God eternally in the Lake of Fire. God clearly instructed Adam in what he must not do or he would surely die.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

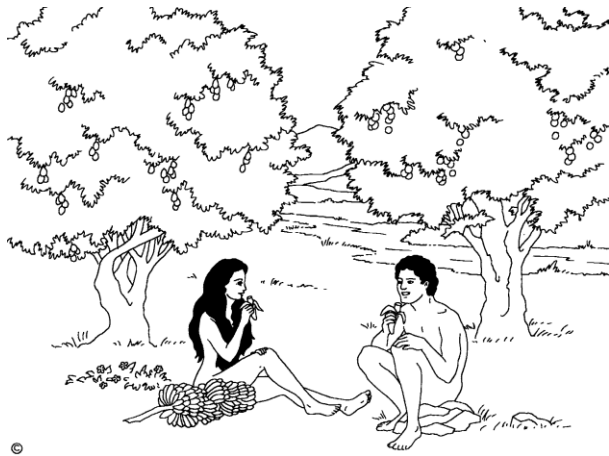
This is where we learn the name of the first man is Adam. God's creation did not stop at making Adam. His final creation was making a woman for Adam. God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam. He took a rib from his side and with it made he a woman.

Genesis 2:23-24 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

These are the first recorded words of man and speak of the joy of the marriage relationship. The

fact that man needs a woman is important in understanding the value of women. Heterosexual marriage, therefore, is the foundation of all legitimate families and societies. Adam named his wife Eve.

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



The man and woman were both naked and felt no shame or embarrassment. It would be shocking and embarrassing if that happened today. In the next lesson, we will see why this situation could not happen today. Something happened to the wonderful world that God made.

War in Heaven

We learn from other places in the Bible that God created a spiritual realm before he created the physical universe in six days. God, who is a spirit, created many other spirits called angels. They do not have a physical body like man and therefore do not have the same physical needs that man does (hunger, thirst, sleep, etc.) and they are able to move about wherever they want. The number of angels God made is beyond counting. We learn that the angels have great power.

God created the angels so they could be with Him, to love Him, to praise Him and to serve Him. Heaven is the special place where God and the angels dwell. He did not create all the angels the same. Some were more beautiful and wiser than others. The Bible tells us that when God created the angels, Lucifer was the most beautiful, the most powerful, and the wisest of them all. Lucifer was superior to all the other angels in knowledge and wisdom, and in power and authority. All the angels watched and rejoiced as God created the physical universe in six days.

Sometime after God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Lucifer became proud of his beauty, intelligence, and position. He became jealous of God getting all the glory. He convinced one-third of the angels to follow him in rebellion and make war with God to take over God's position. God who is all-powerful and all-knowing removed these angels from their position as His servants and cast them to earth. Lucifer's name was changed to Satan. Today, many people call him the Devil. These angels who followed Satan are now evil angels and called Demons. God created a special place called the Lake of Fire. This place will be the final destination for Satan and his demons. They will spend an eternity in this horrible place, but now they live on Earth in the spiritual realm.

Satan fights against God here on Earth. Satan and his demons hate God and hate everything that God loves. God has great love for man and so Satan hates man. In our next lesson, we will see that it does not take Satan long to deceive man from following God. The result of what happens is the reason for all the suffering, pain, and struggles of life we experience today.

Our world is full of lawlessness, crime, immorality, adultery, drugs, drunkenness, lying, stealing, cheating, greed, covetousness, murder, and all kinds of evil. Our world has not always been

like this. There was a time when the world was perfect. There was a time when there was not a single act of violence or evil upon earth. In fact, an evil deed had never been committed. The earth was perfect. Adam and Eve knew only harmony, peace, love and joy. Perfection ruled and reigned, but something happened. What destroyed the perfection and caused such devastation and lawlessness upon earth? What corrupted the heart of man? We will find out in our next lesson.

* Please answer Lesson 2 questions on page 23 *

Lesson 3: “Evil in the World”

Adam and Eve were living in perfect harmony with each other and with God in the Garden of Eden, but something bad was about to happen.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

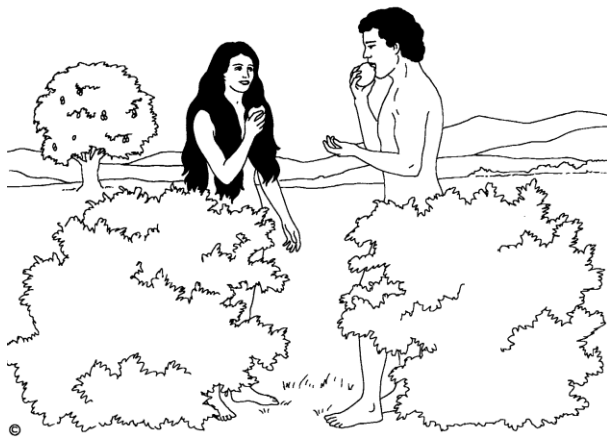
Satan hates God and wanted to destroy man. He used a serpent to disguise himself and spoke through it. His first words to man was to create doubt in God's Word by questioning it. He said, "Did God really say this?" He put doubt in Eve's mind. Satan's tactics have not changed. He still tries to deceive people. Satan is able to put lying thoughts into our minds. He causes people to question God's Word like he did to Eve. You may be thinking, "Why should I believe the Bible?", or "Is this really God's Word?" Do not let Satan deceive you into believing a lie.

Genesis 3:2-3 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Eve gets confused. She adds the phrase "neither shall ye touch it". This is not what God originally said in Genesis 2:17. God only said if you eat it you will die.

Genesis 3:4-5 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Satan's ultimate goal is to get others following him and not follow God. He becomes more bold and openly lies, speaking contrary to God's Word. Satan says that God was lying! Who is really telling the truth? God always tells the truth. Satan was suggesting to Eve to live independent of God and rule her own life.



Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she

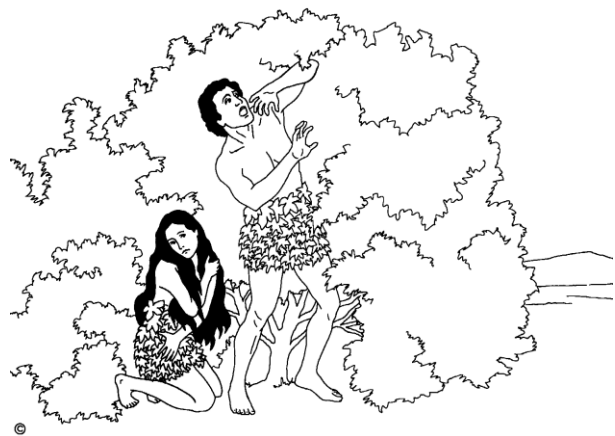
took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Satan deceived Eve about the truthfulness of God's Word. She really thought she would not die. Satan would like to confuse everyone about what is true and what is false. Eve ate, because she was deceived. Adam deliberately chose to disobey God. He was not deceived like Eve. He knew exactly what he was doing when he ate the fruit. Instead of obeying God's Word, they chose to follow their own way.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Adam and Eve's disobedience separated them from God and their relationship with Him. Just like a tree branch broken off from the tree has been separated from its source of life, Adam and Eve were now separated from God who is the source and sustainer of life. Just like the tree branch would eventually die, so Adam and Eve would one day die physically, and go to the place that God had prepared for Satan and the evil spirits.

Adam and Eve felt the shame and embarrassment of realizing they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together to make coverings for themselves. They tried to provide for their own needs. Previously, they looked to God to meet their needs. Now, they were trying to live independently from God. Many people today think they can make themselves acceptable to God by outward appearances, just as Adam and Eve tried to make themselves acceptable to God by putting on clothes. However, God does not accept us based upon our outward appearance.



Genesis 3:8-9 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

God comes looking for them as a loving father. They didn't go looking for Him. They ran and hid themselves from God. They were feeling the first stage of death, the separation of a relationship with God. God knew what happened and yet he is still faithful to communicate with them. God knew where Adam and Eve were hiding, but he wanted them to realize the separation that had taken place.

Genesis 3:10-13 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

You can see the disunity between Adam and Eve, and between them and God. Both Adam and Eve accused others instead of accepting personal responsibility. Adam blamed God and Eve. Eve blamed the serpent. This is both dishonest and inaccurate. They both chose to disobey God's Word.

Genesis 3:14-15 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

First, God curses the serpent. Second, God makes an amazing and important promise full of meaning. At this time, Satan thought he had beaten God and he would have complete control of the world. But no one fights against God and wins. One day the woman will have a descendant who will fight with the descendants of the serpent, meaning Satan's followers. In the fight, Satan's head will be crushed (a deadly wound), but he will injure her descendent. Who is this descendent? At this point in the Bible we do not know his name, but for now, let us call his name the "Savior".

God always punishes evil, but He is also loving, kind, gracious, and merciful. He promised to send the Savior so man could be saved from the punishment he deserved. We learn that God took the first step to respond to the evil that has infected the world. The Savior will overcome evil in the world. God did not have to assume this responsibility. He did so because He wants things to be right and good. It also shows us how much love he has for man.

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

One punishment for women is greatly increased pains in childbearing. Another punishment is that her desire is to compete with her husband as leader in the family. This will bring disharmony, competition and conflict in marriage.

Genesis 3:17-19. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

God spoke to Adam and said that because of his disobedience, he was going to curse the ground. Work became harder for man. There were no weeds before, but now the ground would bring thorns and thistles. All of the bad things in the world exist today because of man's disobedience to God. We live in a world that still suffers from that curse. We struggle against sickness, pain, weakness, pain in childbearing, hard work, weeds, sorrow, grief, and death. These things were not in the world before Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

God refused to accept the clothes which Adam and Eve made. He taught them that they could

not do anything to make themselves acceptable to Him. Today, people try many things to make themselves acceptable to God and "cover" their disobedience just as Adam and Eve did. Some people think if they are religious it will "cover" the wrongs they have done, but God will not accept anyone by what they do.

The first physical death was a result of Adam and Eve's disobedience. The death of the animal reminded Adam and Eve that they deserved death. God killed an animal and used its skin to make acceptable clothing for Adam and Eve.

Adam and Eve showed they believed God's promise about the Savior, when they accepted those clothes. They had to give up their own ideas about being accepted by God, just as they had to take off and throw away their old clothes. It is important to remember that God clothed Adam and Eve. They didn't clothe themselves.



Genesis 3:23-24 Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Disobedience brings death, and death brings separation. Now they were separated from God's presence. Adam and Eve died physically many years later, and their spirits were separated from their bodies. We know they did not go to the Lake of Fire, because they accepted God's way and believed His promise about the Savior. Today, Adam and Eve are living with God in Heaven.

* Please answer Lesson 3 questions on page 24 *

Lesson 4: "Cain and Abel"

What happens when someone refuses to believe God and chooses to disobey him? Does one person's disobedience affect other people? Is it true that each man can choose his own way to come to God? We will answer these questions as we study the story of Cain and Abel.

God knew that every person born into this world would be a sinner and separated from Him. God planned a way so they could come to him and be accepted. Keep in mind that God chose this way and not man.

God instructed Adam and Eve that if they were to be accepted, they were to bring a sheep to sacrifice. The animal was killed in such a way that the blood would flow out. God would not accept the blood of animals for a covering of man's disobedience, but He wanted them to remember that the punishment for disobedience is death and they would go to Lake of Fire unless he saved them. If they believed God and wanted to follow God's way instead of their own, then they were to bring a sheep and

kill it as God told them. This sacrifice was a picture of God's plan to deliver man from evil, Satan and death.

Genesis 4:1-2 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

After Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden of Eden, they had two sons born to them, Cain and Abel.

Genesis 4:3-5 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.



Cain and Abel believed in the existence of God, and both came to offer sacrifices to Him. Adam and Eve told Cain and Abel about God's instructions on how to sacrifice for their own disobedience. Abel offered a lamb to God as God instructed. Cain, however, disobeyed and brought fruit. He could have brought a lamb like his brother Abel, but he brought the result of his own works. Cain tried to gain God's acceptance his own way. But, Cain's offering was not accepted because it was not God's way. Cain and Abel represent two groups of people. First, Cain represents those who come to worship God according to man's ideas. Second, Abel represents those who come to God in God's way.

Abel brought one of his sheep as an offering to God. He killed the sheep so its blood ran out and offered it to God as he commanded. God did not accept Abel's lamb as the payment for his disobedience, but God forgave and accepted Abel because He believed God and came to God in the way he commanded.

Cain brought the things which he grew. God rejected his offering because Cain didn't come to God in the way God had commanded. He came to God in his own way and according to his own ideas. Cain did not believe what God said and therefore did not trust in the way which God had told him.

Just like God rejected the clothing Adam and Eve made, so God rejected Cain's offering. God wanted to show Adam and Eve that they could not make themselves acceptable to Him by anything they could do. It had to be done God's way. The animal had to die, and its blood be shed so that Adam and Eve could have clothes that were acceptable to God. Likewise, God would not accept Cain and Abel unless they trusted in him and came to him in the way he had said. God would only accept them if they brought a sheep and killed it, and shed its blood. Abel believed God and came God's way, so God accepted him. Cain came trusting in his own way, so God refused him.

Genesis 4:6-7 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.



God is still communicating with disobedient Cain. What was the main issue? "Will you not be accepted?" God wants to accept people, but they must believe Him.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Cain rejected God's offer and killed his brother Abel! Cain was selfish and disobedient. His attitude turned into hatred and murder. Since we know Abel's offering was accepted by God, we know he went to be with God in Heaven.

Genesis 4:9-11, 16 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; ... And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

Although God asked this question to Cain, he already knew the answer and wanted Cain to confess. Any evil committed against another person is also committed against God, because He is the creator of all people. Cain still would not listen to God and was removed from God's presence. He followed Satan's ways refusing to change his attitude toward God and toward his disobedience. He never admitted his guilt and need of forgiveness. As a result he was never accepted by God. When he died his spirit was forever separated from God and placed in the Lake of Fire. Cain should be a warning to all people. We don't want to make the same choices Cain made. He was stubborn and selfish. He lost his opportunity to be with God after death. His decision was very foolish.

Let us think again about a branch that has been broken off from the tree. It died because it was separated from the life it received from the tree. There is no way to join the dead branch back onto the tree so it will live again. Man is born separated and "detached" from our source of life, who is God. Most people spend their lives trying to find a way to "reattach" themselves to the source of spiritual life, but there is absolutely nothing we can do on our own to restore us to God.

Disobedience has broken us off from God just like the limb was broken off the tree. God rejected Adam and Eve's clothing and God rejected Cain's offering because they tried to be accepted by God with their own works. Only God was able to make a way so they would be accepted. Every person born into this world is separated from God. However, God provided a way for all of mankind to be accepted by Him and after death live with Him for all eternity in Heaven. This is what the message of the Bible is all about.

Genesis 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

God gave Adam and Eve another child named Seth. God promised to send a Savior and would

have come through the line of Abel, but Satan guided Cain to kill Abel. Satan tried in every way to hinder God's plan to send the Savior, but no one can fight against God and win. God planned to bring the Savior through Seth's lineage.

Do you think Adam and Eve's descendants learned from their mistakes and poor choices? We will find out in our next lesson how good or bad they became.

* Please answer Lesson 4 questions on page 25 *

Lesson 5: “Noah's Flood”

Currently, there are at least 213 ancient flood traditions written down by people groups from all over the world. There are 31 from Europe, 17 from Africa and the Middle East, 37 from Australia and the South Sea Islands, 23 from Asia, 59 from the North American Indians, and 46 from Central and South America.

These traditions all agree on three major points, and most agree on a fourth point. First, there was universal destruction of both humans and animals by water. Second, a boat is provided as a means of escape. Third, a small remnant of mankind is saved to continue the race. Fourth, the cause of the disaster was a result of man's wickedness. In this lesson, we will study the Biblical account of the world-wide flood.

In the last lesson, we studied that God gave Adam and Eve another child by the name of Seth. Seth went on to have children who had children to a few more generations. His descendants believed God and continued to look for the coming Savior promised by God in the Garden of Eden. Noah, a descendant of Seth, lived about 1,500 years after God created Adam. Noah had three children by the names of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. By the time of Noah, there was a large population living on the earth, possibly three billion people. Most of the people were only interested in following the ways of Cain.

Genesis 6:5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Most of the people were wicked. Their thoughts were evil all the time.

Genesis 6:11-12 The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

The majority of the people followed the ways of Cain. They had no excuse for their behavior. God used Noah to tell the people to turn from their sin and trust in God, but they refused to listen to Noah. They were proud, self-centered, and boastful. They were covetous which means wanting what other people possessed. They were jealous and hateful to other people. They argued and fought all the time. They were cruel to each other. They continually gossiped and said evil things about others behind their backs. They were unrestrained in their sexual passions. The earth was corrupt and full of violence. Who do you think was behind all this evil? Who do you think wanted to corrupt and destroy man so the Savior could not be born? Of course, it is Satan.

God saw all their sin. They may have hidden their lies, adultery, stealing and murder from others, but none of it was hidden from God. He sees everything. No one can hide from God. He knows our thoughts and hears every word we speak and knows the motives of our own heart.

Genesis 6:3 And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

God would not tolerate this situation to last forever. He saw and hated the disobedience of these people, but he also loved and wanted to accept them. To be accepted they would have to admit they were wrong, and believe God. The inward change would express itself outwardly by coming to God in the way He instructed Adam and Eve. That is, to offer a lamb as a sacrifice like Abel did. God said he would give the people 120 years to repent, and if not, he would judge them.

Genesis 6:6-7 And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.

God was grieved at their behavior and attitude. They made the situation intolerable for God. Man was so corrupt that God decided to destroy man and start over with Noah and his family.

Genesis 6:8-10 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

Noah was born separated from God and under Satan's control just like all of Adam's descendants. Noah did not deserve to be saved by God. He too, deserved to be punished, but Noah believed God and came to Him like Abel bringing the blood of animals. God forgave and accepted Noah. God saved Noah and his family from judgment because they believed Him.

In the next few verses, God tells Noah that he was going to send a great flood which would cover the whole earth. He instructed Noah to build a large boat, called an ark, so that all those who believed God would be saved. There was only one way to get inside the ark. God instructed Noah to build one door. Every person and every animal that was to be saved from God's judgment had to come into the ark by this one door. God was going to use the ark to picture what the coming Savior was going to do to rescue man from evil, Satan, and death. God was only going to send one Savior just like there was only one ark with one door. We will study more about this in a later lesson.

Genesis 6:22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Noah was obedient to God. He did everything just as God commanded him. While he built the ark, he told the people about God's way to escape the coming judgment. How many people do you think believed him? No one, but his own family.

Genesis 7:1-5 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls

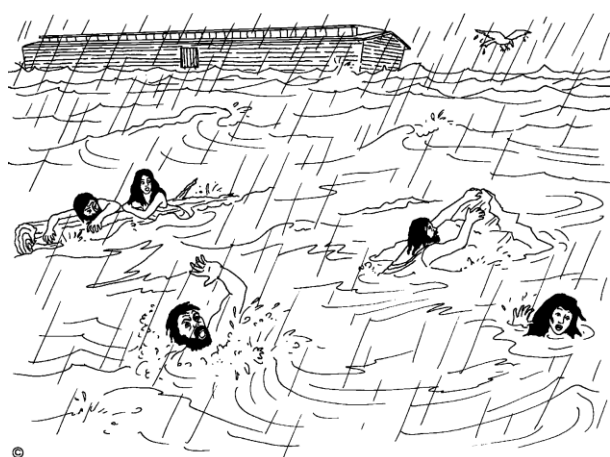
also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.

Noah warned the people of God's coming judgment. They did not repent. God waited 120 years for them to repent, but the time came when He would wait no longer. It was time for God to judge them. God commanded Noah and his family with the animals to enter the ark through the one door.

Genesis 7:15-16 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut him in.

God caused all the animals to come to Noah. He did not have to go hunting for them on a safari. When God shut the door, it was too late for anyone else to get into the ark. Those inside the ark were safe from God's coming judgment. Those outside the ark had no way to escape God's judgment. He made it rain forty days and nights until the whole earth was covered with water, even above the highest mountains.

Genesis 7:17-24 And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon



the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that were under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and

Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

It is very sad to think about all those people dying, because they rejected God. God wanted to accept them, but he only accepts those who believe Him. After the 40 days of rain, the water covered the earth for another 150 days. So we are up to 190 days. That is more than six months. No one could survive that long by floating on a piece of wood without food. Those who refused to believe God were outside the ark and destroyed. Only Noah and his family believed God and were saved from His judgment. God is patient with man. He waited 120 years for them to repent of their evil ways. They simply refused to believe to God.

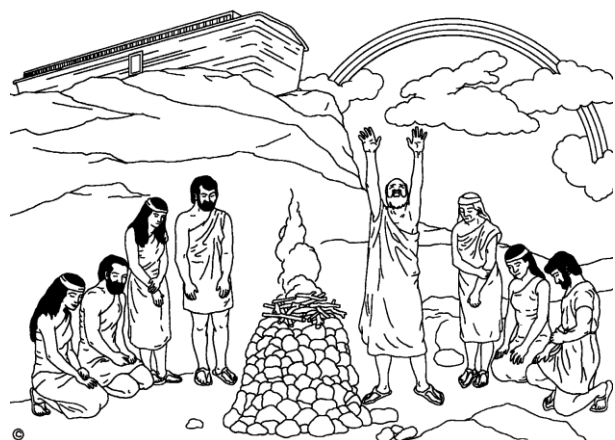
Genesis 8:1-4 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that was with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained;

And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat.

God protected Noah and his family with the animals inside the ark from the flood. A wind began the evaporation process that helped the waters to recede. The ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. These mountains are in present day Turkey along the border with Armenia and Georgia.

It took another 6 months for the earth to dry completely. The next few verses describe the unloading of the ark. Both animals and man are re-entering the new world. This must have been totally different from the world they left. No neighbors, houses, or cities could be found. It was very quiet with only 8 people and a few animals inhabiting the entire planet.

God gave Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, control over the animals, birds, and fish just as he had given it to Adam in the Garden of Eden. The world and everything in it belongs to God, but he gave it to man to manage it for Him.



Genesis 9:11-15 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

The rainbow was given as God's sign to show that he would never again destroy the whole earth by a flood. Many thousands of years have passed since the flood and God has kept his word. When you see a rainbow, remember that God gave the rainbow as a sign that he will never destroy the world by a flood. God can be trusted.

* Please answer Lesson 5 questions on page 26 *

Lesson 6: “The Tower of Babel”

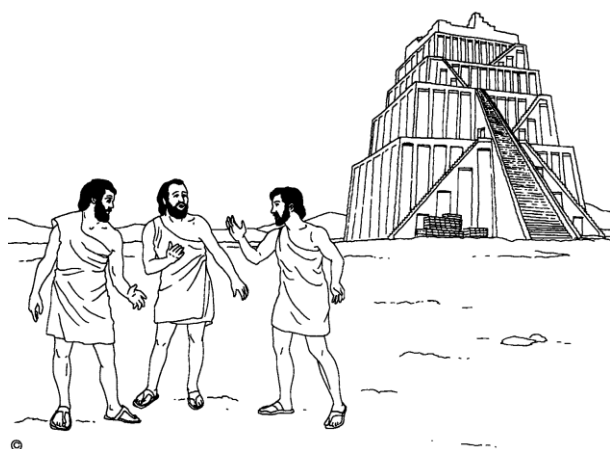
Have you wondered why there are so many different languages in the world? Or, where all the nations of the world came from? Well, God has told us how these came about and even recorded it in the Bible so we will know the answer.

Many years passed since God saved Noah, his wife, their three sons, and their sons' wives from the great flood. Once again, many people lived on the earth. The majority of the descendants of Noah soon forgot about God's terrible judgment. They deliberately ignored God and did not want to believe Him like Abel, Seth, and Noah. They were like Satan in their thinking. They wanted to be great and exalt themselves. They were not interested in knowing, worshipping, or trusting God. Instead, they made idols of people, animals, birds, and snakes and worshipped them.

Satan was leading our ancestors in rebellion against God. He wants people to worship false gods. Many societies still worship the sun, moon, stars, birds, or animals. Satan knows the weaknesses of each culture and knows what lies will be culturally acceptable. Worship has to do with the giving of our thoughts, our hearts, and our resources to serve the object of our worship. God, and God alone, is worthy of our adoration and worship. Satan does not care what we worship as long as we don't worship the only true and living God.

Genesis 11:1-2 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

The whole world had one language. We do not know how many people were on the earth at this time, but they all lived in a plain in Shinar, present day Iraq.



Genesis 11:3-4 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

The people gathered to build the tower of Babel because they did not want to be scattered over all the earth. They deliberately disobeyed the command given to Noah by God. These people were only thinking of themselves. They were full of pride and interested in exalting their own name. How could they be so foolish? Their ancestors all died in the flood and they did not learn their mistakes. Here was a whole city of all the earth's people in a united rebellion against God. Today the cities of the world have great problems: crime, corruption, immorality, disobedience, etc. This is where it all started after the flood. Who do you think was influencing them to rebel? Of course, it was Satan. Why do you think Satan wanted them to rebel? The answer was so God could not send the Savior.

Genesis 11:5-6 And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

God was interested in these rebellious people. He knew their thoughts and what they planned to do. He knew that if they continued speaking the same language, they would get into even more trouble and cause further evil with greater rebellion. He cared about what they did. God is everywhere all the time and knows everything. He knows all about us as well. We cannot keep anything secret from Him. He knows everything we have ever thought, said and done.

What happened to Satan when he rebelled against God? He lost! What happened when Cain rejected God's way? He lost! What happened when the people of Noah's day did not rebelled against God? They lost! Do you think these people will win? No way!

Genesis 11:7 Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

The problem was not that they spoke the same language, but it was their disobedience toward God. Speaking the same language made it easier to spread their rebellion. It is the same situation in many prisons today. The worst prisoners are put in solitary cells to prevent worse behavior spreading to all the prisoners. God decided to confuse their language before the rebellion grew too big.

Genesis 11:8-9 So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

He confused their one language by creating many new languages. Suddenly they could not understand each other. They were forced to stop construction, because they could not communicate with each other. The lack of communication prevented any kind of harmony to exist in the city. So they gathered into families and left, spreading out around the globe in huge migrations, some on foot, and some by boat.

This is where languages, cultures and nations originated. All your ancestors were at the Tower of Babel. This is the beginning of the history of your family as part of a distinct nationality or language group. The God who created the whole world, who made Adam and Eve, who sent the flood, is the same God who created the different languages and the great cultures of the world. He is the God of all peoples and of all cultures.

Our ancestors turned away from God and followed the ideas which Satan gave them. There were a few people who continued to worship the true and living God, but the majority turned away from following Him. Now that the nations are spread over the earth, who do you think God will choose to begin the process of telling the peoples of the world about the coming Savior? After all, the Savior would be sent for all peoples of the world. We will find out in our next lesson.

* Please answer Lesson 6 questions on page 27 *

Review: Lessons 1-6

The Bible is God's recorded message to the peoples of the world. To most people the Bible is like a big jigsaw puzzle. Have you ever put a jigsaw puzzle together? First, most people find the four corner pieces of puzzle. Then they find the edge pieces and put together the frame. Then they go to work to fill in the middle and a picture begins to develop. Not until you have placed the last piece in the

puzzle do you get to see the whole picture. In Lessons 1-6, we have placed the four corner pieces in our Bible puzzle. In the next book, we will begin to build the outer frame. The purpose of this study is to give you a clear picture of how the Bible fits together. By the end, you will see and understand God's plan to send the Savior to save mankind from evil, Satan, and death.

Have you ever wondered why we have seven days in a week? God created it that way. God created the physical universe in six days. He could have created everything at once, but he purposely chose to do it in six days and rest on the seventh day. He gave us a pattern to follow that we should work six days and rest one day a week. Since God created everything, what must be true about who He is? God must possess all knowledge and all power. He is eternal, supreme, and independent of everyone and everything.

God spent six days preparing the earth for his greatest creation. The time finally came for God to create man. God created man in his own image, which means that man was created to have a mind, emotions, and a will, like God. He created man with a mind so man could hear and understand His communication. He created man with emotions so man could respond to Him with love and devotion. He created man with a will so man could choose to follow Him. Man became a spiritual being in a physical body.

God prepared a beautiful place called the Garden of Eden. Here he placed the first man named Adam. God told Adam he could eat any fruit from any tree in the garden, but one tree. He told Adam that in the day he would eat of that tree he would surely die. Death means separation. First, Adam would be separated from God in his relationship with Him. Second, Adam would one day physically die, because he was separated from God who is the source and sustainer of life. Third, this death meant an eternal separation from God. When the body stops living, the spiritual part of man would leave the body and go to a terrible place called the Lake of Fire.

This is the same place God prepared for Satan and the demons. They were once good and holy angels, but Lucifer (now Satan) led them in rebellion and made war with God. God who is all powerful removed them from Heaven, the place of God's residence. Satan's purpose is to hurt the heart of God, because God judged and condemned him for his rebellion. The best way Satan can do this is to turn the heart of man away from God to follow himself. He opposes God's work in this world. He discourages believers through various strategies. He also provokes God's justice by enticing people to sin and rebel against God.

The world God made was perfect. There was no evil in the world. Adam and Eve knew only harmony, peace, love and joy. It did not take long for Satan to tempt man to turn away from following God. Adam purposely chose to disobey God and he ate the fruit. His disobedience brought shame, guilt, fear, alienation from God, divisions in their relationships, judgment, death, and separation from the Garden of Eden.

God refused to accept the clothes which Adam and Eve made. They could not make themselves acceptable to God by their own works. The first physical death was a result of their disobedience. God killed an animal and used its skin to make acceptable clothing for Adam and Eve. They believed God's promise about the coming Savior when they allowed God to clothe them. Taking off their old clothes meant they had to change their mind about being accepted by God their own way and accept God's way. Many years later, they died and their soul went to live with God in Heaven because they believed God and came to God in the way He commanded.

Adam and Eve had many children. They were all born outside the Garden of Eden which means their children were born separated from God. They inherited their parent's disobedient attitude. This was passed down from generation to generation. We inherited this disobedient attitude from our ancestors. The result of Adam and Eve's disobedience is the reason why our world today is filled with lawlessness, crime, immorality, adultery, drugs, drunkenness, lying, cheating, stealing, covetousness, murder, and all kinds of evil. God always punishes evil, but He is also loving, gracious, and merciful. He promised to send a Savior so man could be saved from the punishment he deserves.

God instructed Adam and Eve that if they were to be accepted, they had to bring a sheep to sacrifice. The animal was killed in such a way so the blood would flow out. God would not accept the blood of animals for a covering of man's disobedience, but He wanted them to remember that the punishment for disobedience is death and they would go to Lake of Fire unless he saved them. If they believed God and chose to follow God's way instead of their own, then they were to bring a sheep and kill it as God told them. The blood sacrifice was a picture of God's plan to deliver man from evil, Satan and death.

Cain and Abel were the first children of Adam and Eve. One day they both came to worship God and brought a sacrifice. Abel offered a lamb as God instructed. Cain disobeyed and brought fruit. He tried to gain God's acceptance his own way. God accepted Abel's sacrifice, but rejected Cain's. Cain and Abel represent two groups of people. First, Cain represents those who come to worship God according to man's ideas. Second, Abel represents those who come to God in God's way.

Just like God rejected the clothing of Adam and Eve, God rejected Cain's offering. No one can make themselves acceptable to God by what they do. God wanted to accept Cain, but he had to believe God and come in the way He commanded. It had to be done God's way. Cain became very angry and killed his brother Abel. Cain never admitted his guilt and need of forgiveness. As a result, he was never accepted by God. He chose to follow the ways of Satan. Therefore, when he died he, went to the Lake of Fire.

Noah and his family lived about 1,500 years after God created Adam. They believed God and came to God in the way He commanded. However, everyone else was interested in following the ways of Cain. They were very wicked. God gave the people 120 years to repent and believe God, but they still chose to follow the ways of Satan. God instructed Noah to build an ark. God would spare two of every animal, one male and one female as well as Noah and his family from the coming flood. God used Noah to warn the people to turn from their ways and follow God, but they did not listen.

God instructed Noah to build one door in the ark. God was going to use the ark to picture what the coming Savior was going to do to rescue man from evil, Satan, and death. God was only going to send one Savior just like there was only one ark with one door. The time came to enter the ark. God caused it to rain for 40 days and nights. The whole world flooded and every living person/animal died except for those same inside the ark. God saved Noah and his family, because they believed God. After the earth dried, they went forth to repopulate the earth.

Hundreds of years later, we find rebellion still in the heart of man. God instructed them to scatter throughout the world, but they wanted to stay together. They started to build a city and tower that would reach high up into the sky. God decided to make them speak many different languages. They were forced to stop construction, because they could not communicate with each other. They were gathered into families and left, spreading out around the globe in huge migrations.

This is where languages, cultures and nations originated. All your ancestors were at the Tower of Babel. This is the beginning of the history of your family as part of a distinct nationality or language group. The God who created the whole world, who made Adam and Eve, who sent the flood, is the same God who created the different languages and the great cultures of the world. He is the God of all peoples and of all cultures.

Let us think about a branch that has been broken off from the tree. It died because it was separated from the life it received from the tree. There is no way to join the dead branch back onto the tree so it will live again. Man is born separated and "detached" from our source of life, who is God. Most people spend their lives trying to find a way to "reattach" themselves to the source of spiritual life. Their efforts may seem very religious, but there is absolutely nothing we can do on our own to restore us to God.

Disobedience has broken us off from God just like the limb was broken off the tree. God rejected Adam and Eve's clothing and God rejected Cain's offering because they tried to be accepted by God with their own works. Only God was able to make a way so they would be accepted. Every person born into this world is separated from God because of their disobedience and rebellion. However, God provided a way for all of mankind to be accepted by Him and after death live with Him for all eternity in Heaven. This is what the message of the Bible is all about.

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Please keep this book number 1 as our gift to you. Include your return address, and we will return your corrected answer sheet with helpful comments. You will receive book number 2 shortly after completing and sending the final lesson from book number 1.

Lesson 1 Questions:

1. Was there ever a time when God did not exist?
2. Did someone create God?
3. Does God need anything in order to exist?
4. Who is the only one able to tell us the truth about what happened in the beginning?
5. How did God create the heavens and earth?
6. In whose image was man created?
7. Why did God make man with a mind (intellect)?
8. Why did God make man with emotions?
9. Why did God make man with a will?

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Lesson 2 Questions:

1. How many trees was Adam not allowed to eat from?
2. What was the name of that tree?
3. What did God say would happen to Adam if he ate the fruit from that tree?
4. What three areas did God mean when he said he would die?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. Who created all the spirits?
6. Did God create some spirits good and some bad?
7. Who was the most intelligent and beautiful angel God created?
8. What did Lucifer do?
9. What place did God prepare as a punishment for Lucifer and his angels?
10. What was Lucifer's name changed to?

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Lesson 3 Questions:

1. What did Satan tell Eve would happen to them if they ate the forbidden fruit?
2. Does Satan want you to listen to and believe God's words?
3. Who spoke the truth God or Satan?
4. What did Adam and Eve do when they realized they were naked?
5. Who did God promise to send to free man from sin?
6. What was God's curse on the woman?
7. What was God's curse on the man?

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Lesson 4 Questions:

1. Why did God accept Abel's offering?
2. Why did God reject Cain and his offering?
3. Why did God try to reason with Cain?
4. Did Cain believe and agree with God?
5. What did Cain do to his brother Abel?
6. How did God know what Cain had done?
7. Will God punish people for saying and doing evil things to others?

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Lesson 5 Questions:

1. Did the majority of the people love and obey God?
2. What did God say he was going to do if the people didn't repent?
3. Why did God decide to save Noah?
4. What did God tell Noah to do?
5. How many doors did God tell Noah to put in the ark?
6. How long did God wait for the people in Noah's time to repent?
7. Who shut the door?
8. Can anyone escape God's judgment?
9. Did anyone outside the ark escape death?
10. What sign did God give to show he would never again destroy the earth by flood?
11. Has God kept his promise?

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Lesson 6 Questions:

1. What did the people begin to build?
2. Why did they do this?
3. Did God know what they were planning to do?
4. What did God do in response?
5. What was the result?

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